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The P. & O. steamer *Canton* left London for

this port on the 2nd inst.

The Northern Pacific steamer *Victoria* left

Victoria, B.C., for Japan and Hongkong on Fri-

day morning, the 15th inst.

The N. D. L. steamer *Sachsen*, carrying the

German mails with despatch from Berlin of the

20th November, left Singapore on Saturday last,

10 a.m., and may be expected here on or about

Friday, the 22nd inst.

Great public rejoicings have been held at

Bangkok in celebration of the twenty-fifth year

of the reign of King Chulalongkorn.

The festivities commenced on the 4th inst. and were

to be continued until the 11th.

The Douglas steamer *Falco*, which arrived

at Singapore on Saturday morning, has been

chartered by the Government of the Straits

Settlements, and is to be employed on a

trip to the North Borneo coast, and will

be expected to return here on or about

Friday, the 22nd inst.

We hear that the private meeting of the

shareholders of the Imperial Gold Mining Co.,

limited, held on Saturday morning, was "dis-

appointing" in its results, and that the

shareholders have decided to increase the

capital of the company to £1,000,000, and

to issue new shares to the amount of

£500,000, and to call for the same

immediately.

Up to the last, the share of the company

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London, 16th December.

When the debate on Lord George Hamilton's

motion—demanding from the Government a

statement of the policy before Christmas—comes

on Tuesday Mr. Gladstone will move an

amendment that the House should resolve

to appoint for its consideration definite pro-

posals in the time.

**THE PRINCESS OF WALES.**

London, 16th December.

The Princess of Wales is suffering from an

attack of influenza.

**BULWAGGO.**

London, 16th December.

The eighth detachment of Major Forbes's

Patrol Corps under command of Capt. Wilson

crossed the Shuangni River, and overtook and

engaged Lobuanga in ambush. The river has since

risen and reinforcements cannot be sent some-

times in bulk as regards Captain Wilson's

position.

Captain Wilson, commanding the detachment

which crossed the Shuangni River, is holding

his own against a large force of Lobuanga's

troops.

**DEBATE ON INDIAN LOAN BILL.**

London, 15th December.

On the debate on the Indian Loan Bill, to

extend the borrowing powers of the Secretary

of State, Sir John Lubbock and Mr. Samuel

Montagu (member for Whitechapel) strongly

urged the desirability of imposing an Indian

impost duty on silver.

Lord Kimberley stated in the Lords it was

absolutely necessary that the Indian Loan Bill

should be passed before Christmas.

**DISCUSSION ON THE ADJOURN-**

**MENT OF PARLIAMENT.**

London, 16th December.

Mr. Gladstone stated the House would ad-

journe on the 22nd and reassemble on the 27th

inst.

Sir J. B. Durston thereupon moved the

adjournment of the House as a protest against

a prolonged session for the general conduct of

business.

Mr. Gladstone in reply said the Government

was determined to proceed with the Parlia-

ment Bill and adhere to the programme.

After a heated debate the motion was rejected

by a majority of fifty.

**A BRITISH DOLLAR FOR THE PAR-**

**EAST.**

London, 16th December.

Mr. Sydney Buxton, Parliamentary Secre-

tary, Colonial Office, stated that the suggested

coinage of a British dollar is not favourably

viewed in either the Straits or Hongkong.

**THE PROPOSAL TO LEGALISE THE**

**YEN.**

London, 16th December.

Lord Henslow's Committee is now consider-

ing the proposal to make the Japanese yen a

legal tender in Hongkong.

**THE EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY BILL.**

London, 16th December.

The Employers' Liability Bill has been passed

by the House of Lords.

**CHRISTMAS IN THE STORES.**

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